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wife, Lady Joan Zuckerman, a daughter of the late Lord Reading. As now seems to be usual, I went to bed at one o'clock.

April 12, 1962 - Thursday

I made a return call on the Sudanese Ambassador, Sayed Amin Ahmed Hussein, at 3 Cleveland Row, St. James's. He is a polite, but I should think, cool customer. I expatiated in general on the beauties of the Sudan, and its fauna, without arousing any enthusiasm.

E came down to the office for lunch, and we settled our social business for a few days to come.

Dick Hotelett, of CBS, called on me. Afterwards, Thomas Keating, President of the American Club, discussed his plans for raising money in the American Community for Memorial Day.

I went to see the Prime Minister this afternoon, at the House of Commons, and afterwards called on Lord Home. I took up with them my instructions from Washington about possible agenda items for the meeting between the PM and the President. They were as follows. I sent a telegram reporting the conversation.

Tonight we were guests of honor at a dinner given by the High Commissioner for Canada, and Mrs. Drew, at 12 Upper Brook Street. Mrs. Drew is the daughter of the late Edward Johnson, a Canadian, who after a great career in opera became Director of the Metropolitan Opera Association of New York. I became a Trustee of the Association, when Johnson, Mrs. ~~August Belmont, Lucrezia Bori, Cornelius~~ Bliss, and others were trying (and later succeeding) in keeping the organization from closing up because of its large, recurrent deficits. Mrs. Drew and I were united in affection and admiration for Lucrezia Bori, now dead.

The guests were:

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180 million people; our export trade amounts to only 5% of what is in economic terminology is called the Gross National Product. You, with a smaller population, and, ~~even proportionately,~~ a more restricted area, must, in the accepted phrase, "export to live". Therefore, your financial, commercial and trade arrangements render you especially sensitive to disturbances in normal relationships with foreign countries.

Your external balance of payments is the object of unremitting scrutiny; dispositions must periodically be made to deal with the problems posed when such a balance is adverse. Until comparatively recently, the United States was not preoccupied with such considerations. After the last war, the shortage of dollars throughout the world was one of the prime causes of disequilibrium in trade. Today, a plethora of our currency, above all in Europe, a slow draining away of our gold balances, have combined to make us, for the first time in a century or more, acutely aware of the dangers inherent in an imbalanced position.

We have taken what governmental steps seem requisite to correct this condition. I shall not weary you by recounting them. Perhaps, it is sufficient to say that with a large and favorable trade balance, our deficit is chiefly due to payments made to maintain armed forces abroad, and to the extension of aid to foreign countries. The reasons for satisfying such demands are, of course, primarily political. I do not apprehend our having to curtail such expenses in any marked degree, for I believe our people are agreed that they are a necessary contribution to the support of the Free World.

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At two-thirty, we went to Bob Bliss' funeral. I was an honorary pallbearer, with Dean Acheson, Chris Herter, George Garrett, Walter Robertson, Jimmie Dunn, David Finley, and many others. A beautiful ceremony, in a crowded church.

Spent the afternoon at the Department, seeing [redacted] associates. Sasha left last night.

April 24, 1962 - Tuesday

To dentist this morning. Teeth cleaned. Otherwise, all seemed well.

I lunched with Mac Bundy at 1925 F Street Club. He is a joyous man, full of charm. Stan Cleveland and Dick Vine talked to me about the Common Market. I had an hour and a half with Mrs. Rusk, discussing how she should occupy herself during her London visit. Home about 7:30, for a brief interlude with E, Dean Acheson, and Marian Leiter, before we went to dinner with the Arthur Schlesingers. The Schlesinger brother, daughter, and Richard Rovere, of New Yorker fame, were there.

All of us went to the British Embassy for my first experience of the famous symposia, originated, I believe, by Robert Kennedy. A large room bristled with New Frontiersmen, women, and miscellaneous. Barbara Ward Jackson was the speaker. For over an hour, she discoursed, without recourse to notes, on the theme of "developing countries." Her sentences were as perfect as if they had been written out for use in The Economist. There were many questions and statements, usually not as intelligently phrased as her answers.

Alice Longworth brought us home.

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April 25, 1962 - Wednesday

Mr. Orrick, Assistant Attorney General, who is handling the Pauling suit against the US Government for two million odd dollars, over the construction of our Chancery in London, called on me this morning. With representatives of State's

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